

# Spotlight




## on Student Assessment and Accountability

### What's New

November 13, 2014

#### Quick Links

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#### Spring 2015 Assessment Transition

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has announced the new summative assessment to be administered in Spring 2015 for students in Grades 3-8 and 11. For information on the press release, please go to [Michigan Student Testing System Developed for Spring 2015](#). To assist schools in planning for the Spring 2015 assessment, the Office of Standards and Assessment has published the Spring 2015 Michigan Statewide Assessment Transition document, available at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Assessment\\_Transition\\_FINAL\\_11-13-14\\_473989\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Assessment_Transition_FINAL_11-13-14_473989_7.pdf).

The Spring 2015 Assessment Transition document, published November 13, 2014, includes an overview of the new assessment, Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, M-STEP; as well as information about the test components, estimated session times for planning purposes, technical information for the online delivery engine, and information on the paper/pencil administration.

MDE will continue to provide information in the Spotlight as it becomes available. Be watching for sample items, practice test sessions, information on accessibility and accommodations, guidance for technology and assessment coordinators, upcoming webcasts and training sessions, and continuous updates on frequently asked questions.

#### Deadline for Online Waiver Request is November 21, 2014

The deadline for the online waiver request is November 21, 2014. If you determine by that date that you would like to withdraw your waiver request for one or more schools, please send an email to [baa@michigan.gov](mailto:baa@michigan.gov) with the subject line Withdraw Waiver Request, providing the district and school information, as well as your contact information.

If you have additional questions regarding submission or withdrawal of the online waiver, please call 877-560- 8378, and select option 8.

**Note:** Due to cost concerns of preparing separate online and paper/pencil test forms, no change requests will be accepted after November 21, 2014.

### Reminders

► *Prior Recently Asked Questions can be found at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Recently\\_Asked\\_Questions\\_470957\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Recently_Asked_Questions_470957_7.pdf).*

► *Sign up for Spotlight at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIMDE/subscriber/new>. Under Student Assessment, select Spotlight.*



The computer icon highlights Spotlight articles that contain information tech coordinators also need to know.

#### Have Other Questions?

For assessment questions, please email [BAA@michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@michigan.gov).

For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.

## ACT—Approved Accommodation Request Submission Deadline

The deadline for ACT to receive requests for ACT-approved accommodations is November 21, 2014. For questions, please contact ACT at 800-553-6244 ext. 2800.

## Just a reminder...

Upcoming important dates, recent topics, etc.

### ACT Update

ACT Michigan information now available at <http://www.act.org/aap/michigan/act.html>.

### Important Dates

#### November 2014

- November 21, 2014 – Deadline for ACT to receive requests for ACT-approved accommodations. For questions, please contact ACT at 800-553-6244 ext. 2800.
- Open for comment - [The Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Post-Administration Survey](#) to collect Interim Assessment Coordinator feedback.
- Open for comment - [Fall 2014 Fall Interim Assessment Technology Coordinator Survey](#) to collect technical feedback.

#### December 2014

- Student Pre-Identification opens for Spring 2015 ACT Plus Writing and WorkKeys.
- WIDA materials will be automatically ordered based on your Pre-Id information.

#### January 2015

- Student Pre-Identification opens for Spring 2015 Summative Assessments and MI-Access Grades 3-8 and 11.
- Material orders open for M-STEP and MI-Access grades 3–8 and 11, material orders for paper/pencil.
- Material orders open for ACT Plus Writing and WorkKeys ([will be done through ACT – not the Secure Site](#)).